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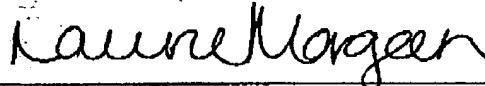
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (the Action) of August 24, 2005, the response is provided as follows:

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Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.